



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Yutaka Tokiwa                          Art Unit : 1651  
Serial No. : 10/089,120                          Examiner : V. Afremova  
Filed : March 22, 2002  
Title : A METHOD FOR DEGRADING POLYLACTIDE RESINS

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the action mailed April 22, 2003, applicant elects the invention of Group I (claims 1 to 17) drawn to a method for degrading polylactic resins with actinomycetes and further electing the species, "Saccharothrix." Claims 1, 2, 3, and 18 read on Saccharothrix. The election is made without traverse.

A petition for an one moth extension and a requisite fee, which extend the filing date to June 22, 2003, are separately enclosed.

Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,



Chris T. Mizumoto  
Reg. No. 42,899

RECEIVED

Date: May 27, 2003

Fish & Richardson P.C.  
45 Rockefeller Plaza, Suite 2800  
New York, New York 10111  
Telephone: (212) 765-5070  
Facsimile: (212) 258-2291

JUN 04 2003

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

30148731.doc

## CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY FIRST CLASS MAIL

I hereby certify under 37 CFR §1.8(a) that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage on the date indicated below and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

May 27, 2003

Date of Deposit



Signature

Rose Papetti

Typed or Printed Name of Person Signing Certificate

#6  
M.91  
6/4/03